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SUBJECT: SIXTH CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTER CONFERENCE:  
PUERTO RICO

REF: (A) NASSAU 1063; (B) NASSAU 1065

1. REFTELS REPORTED THAT AT SIXTH CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTER CONFERENCE, DR. ALVAREZ, DELEGATE FROM PUERTO RICO ON US DELEGATION, WAS SEATED APART FROM US DELEGATION AND THAT IN FINAL CONFERENCE PUERTO RICO WAS LISTED AS REPRESENTED BY SEPARATE OBSERVER DELEGATION.

2. UNDER COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS GOVERNED TIES BETWEEN US AND PUERTO RICO SINCE 1952, US HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUERTO RICO'S FOREIGN RELATIONS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS RESPONSIBILITY DEPARTMENT APPOINTED DR. ALVAREZ AS MEMBER US DELEGATION AT REQUEST OF PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT.

3. IN ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR TO CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTERS  
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CONFERENCE NATURE OF US-PUERTO RICAN RELATIONSHIP AND

TO AVOID FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDINGS, REQUEST EMBASSY  
INFORMALLY EXPLAIN TO SECRETARIAT OF ORGANIZATION THAT

US RESPONSIBLE FOR PUERTO RICO'S FOREIGN RELATIONS,  
THAT PUERTO RICO REPRESENTED AT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL  
CONFERENCES BY US DELEGATIONS, AND THAT DR. ALVAREZ  
WAS MEMBER OF US DELEGATION TO SIXTH CONFERENCE. YOU  
SHOULD ALSO ASK IN LOW KEY MANNER THAT LISTING OF  
SEPARATE PUERTO RICAN OBSERVER DELEGATION BE DELETED  
FROM FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT.

4. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF YOUR DISCUSSION WITH  
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